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1. A new facet of local Communist propaganda on the Rosenberg theme developed recently, with the revelation by El Pais, a strongly anti-Communist and pro-United States newspaper, that a certain teacher in the public schools of Montevideo had used her position to disseminate among her young students anti-United States propaganda. The actual incident in question was the teacher's use in class of an acrostic poem which spelled out the words "Norteamericanos asesinos" (North American assassins).
2. The general reaction to this injection of propaganda by a public school teacher has been strong, and the teacher concerned is currently suspended on half pay, pending a more thorough investigation by the educational authorities. It would appear that this incident has aroused popular indignation against such Communist tactics and has also aroused considerable editorial comment adverse to the interest of the local Communists. It has also focused public opinion on the activities of Communists in the public school system and may result in closer scrutiny of the political ideologies of those involved in public education. On the other hand, the Uruguayan Communist Party (PCU) has begun its attempt to cloud the issue by invoking, among other things, the possible threat against academic freedom that may materialize from this incident.

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